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MR. J. SCOTT HARSTON'S WELLSIAN PICTURE OF THE FUTURE.

## TELEPHONE CO. MEETING

"It may reasonably be expected that, in about two years' time, a subscriber in Hong Kong will be able to put a call through to another subscriber in Britain, with subsequent extension to embrace all important cities in the world," declared Mr. J. Scott Harston, Chairman of the Hong Kong Telephone Co. Ltd., at the sixth annual meeting of the Company, which was held in the Board room, Exchange Building, this morning.

He added that consideration had been given by the Company to long distance Radio Telephony, and said that, in regard to the laying of a trunk cable to Canton, it was the first project of its kind to be undertaken in China. It would, he ventured to predict, prove to be the forerunner of a network of communications which would eventually link up all the important cities in that vast country.

With the opening up of telephone communication with Canton, this Colony was entering on an era of untold possibilities.

## AUTOMATIC IN KOWLOON

The following Directors and shareholders were present:—The Hon. Sir Show-sun Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., LL.D., the Hon. Mr. C. G. Mackie, and Messrs. J. P. Sherry (Manager), W. E. Clark, R. G. Shewen, J. P. Warren, D. H. Blake, J. M. Alves, G. C. Moxon, E. M. Raymond, F. M. Ellis, J. T. Bagram, V. Walker, J. Gould, Tang Kim-kwong, Wong Ping-Chun, Sun Tai-sang, Mahan Singh, and Mr. W. L. MacKenzie (Secretary).

The report for the year ended December 31, 1930, which was taken at read, showed that the balance at credit of profit and loss account for the year (including the sum of \$50,635.27 brought forward from the previous year) amounted to \$615,454.92. After charging \$228,195.65 for depreciation and effecting, on August 1, 1930, the payment of an interim dividend of four per cent, absorbing \$92,000, there remained the sum of \$295,259.27, which the Board recommended to be appropriated as follows:—

\$183,000 to payment of a final dividend of six per cent, (making 10 per cent, for the year); \$50,000 to transfer to general reserve (bringing the same up to \$275,000), and \$62,259.27 to be carried forward to the next account.

### Chairman's Address.

The Chairman, Mr. J. Scott Harston, then made the following address:—

You will observe from the auditors' report that an audit of the share transfers and registers of the Company has been conducted throughout the year, and I am confident that the policy of your Board in arranging for this audit, as an additional precaution in the interests of your Company, will have the endorsement of shareholders.

With regard to the accounts, you will observe from perusal of the debit side of the Profit & Loss Account, that the amount of the royalties payable to the Government continues to increase each year, and that for the year under review such amount is \$1,499 in excess of the sum paid for the previous year.

### Bad Debts.

The item in respect of "Bad Debts" is a negligible amount, and it would be superfluous for me to refer thereto; except to state that your Board feel that the figure can only be kept down to its present satisfactory level by a continuation of your Company's system of deposits, to which I have already referred from the Chair on previous occasions.

Turning now to the credit side of the Profit & Loss Account, I would draw your attention to the item "Interest, Dividends and Exchange," and would point out that the sum shown is composed for the most part of the earnings on the investments representing the Company's Reserve Fund. This sum, together with that shown at

## AIR MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

Proposal Now Being Considered.

### NIGHT TRAFFIC URGED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Discussing the extension of the air mail service to Australia with a deputation of business men, the Air Minister, Lord Ahulere, said that the question had been discussed at the Imperial Conference and proposals were now being considered by the Governments of India, the Straits Settlements and the Commonwealth. The inauguration of the scheme depended on the financial support available. The deputation urged the development of night air mails and the speeding up of air mails by the separation of passenger and mail traffic and the alteration of a mail service on a 24-hour schedule.

### ROUTE TO THE CAPE.

An Imperial Airway Flying Boat, which is inaugurating the Northern section of the Cairo-Cape Route, arrived at Kisumu, Lake Victoria, last night, and unloaded mails which left London on February 26. It is expected to reach Mwanza, Tanganyika, the present terminus, to-day. The southern section of the route will be opened during the Summer—British Wireless Service.

### NOTES ON THE SERVICE.

London, Feb. 14. The 2,670 miles North-Africa section of the Imperial Airways London-Cape air route will be opened for traffic on Thursday, March 5, when an inaugural flight will be made from Cairo to Mwanza, Tanganyika Territory, the machine arriving at Mwanza on Monday, March 9.

The route from Cairo to Mwanza will be via Assuit, Luxor, Assuan, Wadi Haifa, Khartoum, Kosti, Malakal, Shambat, Juba, Butiaba, Port Bell, and Kisumu. The service will be operated weekly in each direction.

The flight through from London to Mwanza will be accomplished in nine days, as compared with 24 days by surface transport.

A return flight from Mwanza will start on Tuesday, March 10, arriving at Cairo on Sunday, March 14, and reaching London on Wednesday, March 18.

The total distance from London to Mwanza is 5,114 miles.

Mail and freight will be carried through from London to Mwanza, but at first passengers will not be carried South of Khartoum.

Prior to the putting on service of the new 32-passenger Handley Page air-liners, the European section of the route will be operated by machines of the Armstrong Siddeley "Argosy" type, while Short "Calcutta" flying boats will be used on the Mediterranean section. The North-Africa section between Cairo and Khartoum will be flown by "Argosies," and then "Calcutta" flying boats will carry on the route to Kisumu and Mwanza, along the Nile and African lakes.

It is hoped that by May or June, 1931, the full 8,000 miles route from London to Cape Town will be in operation, bringing London within 11 days of Cape Town as compared with 17 days by surface transport. The main halting points on the route southward from Kisumu will be at Nairobi, Broken Hill, Salisbury, Bulawayo, Johannesburg, Kimberley, and Victoria West. Intermediate halts will also be made at other points.

Company was not able to vote the full amount permitted under the terms of its franchise—in which connection it appears to be some what of an anomaly that your Company is under the existing restrictions precluded from giving effect to an arrangement of which the fall in the value of the Hong Kong dollar is a striking example; furthermore, it is, I think, equally necessary in the interests of sound finance for your Company to be permitted latitude in the matter of increasing the appropriation to this account in order to be in a position to compensate for a possible future deficiency arising at a time when conditions might be such that in respect of a preceding year your

Reserve Fund.

You will further observe that your Directors (following the policy defined by me from the Chair at the last annual general meeting in reference to investing the Company's general reserve in securities outside the business) have now invested the "Depreciation Reserve" in a similar manner as made of procedure which, I

## OVERLOADING OF A STEAMER.

Did Manager Divulge the Offence?

### UNUSUAL DEVELOPMENT.

Rugby, Yesterday. Reference to the break between two parties of members of the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd., which had its sequel before the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the Supreme Court last month, was made in the Marine Court this morning, when the Hon. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N. (retired) heard evidence in a summons relating to the overloading of the s.s. Tai Lee, belonging to the Company.

**Summons Against Manager.** First an adjourned summons against Mr. Chan Yan-tong, manager of the Sze Yap S.S. Co., Ltd., in which he was charged with allowing the s.s. Tai Lee to be overloaded to the extent of submerging the centre of the disc, at Ping On Wharf, at 8 p.m. on March 1, was dealt with.

When the case first came up before his Worship on Thursday morning, Mr. C. E. S. Brooks, who appeared for the defence, objected to the summons against Mr. Chan on two grounds (1), that Mr. Chan was not the owner of the Tai Lee, and therefore did not have two say with regard to its loading; and (2) that he knew nothing about the overloading, and therefore was not liable. The summons, he contended, should have been taken out against the Company and not against an individual connected with it.

**Arguments Allowed.** This morning his Worship said with regard to this case that he was satisfied that Mr. Chan was not the owner of the Tai Lee and, therefore, the summons taken out against him was bad. He would uphold Mr. Brooks' arguments on behalf of Mr. Chan and dismiss the case against him.

A fresh summons was then dealt with in which the Sze Yap S.S. Co., owners of the Tai Lee, were charged with allowing the ship to be overloaded.

Mr. Brooks stated that he had been instructed to defend the Company, and entered a plea of "not guilty."

**Overloaded Seven Inches.** Boarding Officer A. G. Cook, of the Harbour Department, was the first witness. He said that at about 8 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, he went on board the Tai Lee and on examining her marks he found that the centre of the disc was submerged three inches on the starboard side and 12 inches on the port side. The draft at the time was 9 feet 6 inches forward and 11 feet aft, making the ship overloaded to an average of 7 inches.

He communicated with the master of the ship who gave instructions to discharge cargo.

Replying to Mr. Brooks, Mr. Cook said that the information as to the overloading was obtained from his own observations.

**Mr. Brooks:** Do you know that in fact information was received at the Harbour Office?—Yes.

At about 7.30 p.m., I was in my flat when Mr. Low (another Boarding Officer) rang me up and said that the Tai Lee was overloaded.

**The Informant.**

Where did Mr. Low get the information from?—Mr. Chan Yan-tong!

The loading of the ship was completed on the Saturday night?—Yes.

So that it had been overloaded for more than 24 hours without anybody doing anything about it?—Yes.

Do you know that there had been contention between the former and present Directors of the Company?—Yes.

**Reader of the Newspapers.**

And that certain receivers were appointed by the Supreme Court?—Only from the newspapers.

Do you know that Mr. Chan took as manager of the Company on the morning of February 28?—No.

Replying to other questions, Mr. Cook said that he knew on the morning of March 1 that the Captain and Chinese Chief Officer of the Tai Lee were under notice to leave the service. The master of a ship was ordinarily responsible for its loading unless he gave

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## COST OF BRITISH ARMY.

What Estimates For 1932 Reveal.

### DIMINUTION IMPOSSIBLE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Introducing the Army Estimates for the next financial year, which at £39,930,000, show a reduction of £570,000, the War Minister, Mr. Tom Shaw, said that the closest attention had been paid to securing economy. He stated that there had been an increase

**Mr. Tom Shaw.**

in the number of recruits in the last few months and that the Departmental Committee was studying the question of filling the ranks of Officers.

He hoped that a method would be found for promotion from the ranks of trained soldiers with the scientific knowledge that modern conditions required. In regard to military training for boys, he proposed that the age of recognition should be raised from 18 to

### FINE WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory's weather report, to-day, states:—

The depression has deepened and moved into the Sea of Japan.

There appears to be a feeble anti-cyclone over China.

Forecast:—N. to N.E. winds, moderate; fine to cloudy.

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## MORTGAGE PROVISOS IN DISPUTE.

Alleged Wrongful Sale.

### WIDOW SUES LOCAL BANK.

What constitutes "written consent" by a mortgagor in respect of the actions of a third party under the specific terms of a mortgage deed, occupied the attention of the Chief Justice (Mr. Justice J. R. Wood) in the Supreme Court this morning.

The case was one in which plaintiff, Mrs. Chu Shuk, a widow, of 121, Caine Road, brought action against the Banque Franco-Chinoise pour le Commerce et l'Industrie for damage under an indenture of mortgage dated December 5, 1928, made between herself as to the first part, W. M. Pittendrigh as to second part, and defendants as to third part.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, to TUESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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## COMPANY MEETINGS

## THE HONG KONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING will be held at the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, on MONDAY, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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## Duty of Teachers.

It is our duty, as teachers, to lay that foundation of language and to leave the nature of the building to be determined by later years.

In conclusion I thank all the donors of prizes, the Vicar of St. Andrew's Church who so kindly gave us permission to use the Church Hall on this occasion, and the staff for their enthusiastic co-operation and support throughout the year. I wish Lady Peel, on behalf of Central British School, to thank you for honouring us with your presence here this evening and for so graciously consenting to distribute the prizes.

## EXAMINATION RESULTS.

University of Hong Kong Matriculation Examination:—B. Budden (Honours), Dist. in English, Ho Tung Scholarshin, Hong Kong (University).

University of Hong Kong Senior Local Examination:—M. S. Bander, V. Levkovitch (Honours), E. Lysaught, J. McLeod (Honours), P. Mooney (Honours), L. Phillips, V. Raven, H. Reiton, M. Rousseau (Honours), G. Swan, D. Taylor, Q. Tycolet (Honours), J. Wilson, N. Waidoff (Honours), O. Bitzer (Honours), R. Blackmore (Honours), J. Bryson (Honours), E. Calvert, M. Everest, F. Fowler, S. Fowler, W. Hill, I. Holland, B. Hynes, J. Jordan, J. Langley (Honours), J. Laurenson, B. Levkovitch (Honours), E. Lysaught, J. McLeod (Honours), P. Mooney (Honours), L. Phillips, V. Raven, H. Reiton, M. Rousseau (Honours), G. Swan, D. Taylor, Q. Tycolet (Honours), J. Wilson, N. Waidoff (Honours), O. Bitzer (Honours), R. Blackmore (Honours), J. Bryson (Honours), N. Booker, N. Brinch, R. Brinch (Honours), E. Dobry, P. Craig (Honours), J. Freeman, L. Gregory (Honours), E. Hodge, R. Holden (Honours), A. Holland (Honours), N. Howe, B. Hynes (Honours), A. Ihna, G. Kelley, A. Laihovetsky, A. Laine, J. Langley (Honours), D. Marshall (Honours), A. Moss (Honours), L. Parry, L. Phillips (Honours), V. Raven, H. Reiton (Honours), W. Raven, H. Reiton (Honours), A. Reynolds (Honours), E. Rousseau, D. Smith (Honours), C. Sully, E. Summers, G. Swan (Honours), M. Taylor (Honours), P. Telfer (Honours), C. Thirlwall (Honours), D. Witchell (Honours), M. Wilson (Honours), D. Witchell (Honours), J. Barker (Honours), M. Bell, J. Booker (Honours), J. Booker, N. Brinch, R. Brinch (Honours), A. Dobry, P. Craig (Honours), E. Dobry (Honours), J. Freeman, L. Gregory (Honours), A. Holland (Honours), V. Hollidg, C. Lott, A. McKenzie, M. McCaw, J. Mitchell, D. Moss (Honours), A. Rabbit (Honours), W. Raven (Honours), E. Rousseau (Honours), M. Rousseau (Honours), J. Summers (Honours), D. Taylor (Honours).

In a brief speech Mr. G. P. de Martin thanked the donors of prizes and also those who had kindly accepted invitations to attend the prize-giving.

## J. R. M. Smith's Scholarship:—H. W. Wyllie, G. A. McNellie.

Head Master's Prize:—B. Budden. Scripturo Prize (presented by the Rev. J. H. Johnston):—V. Levkovitch. Wyllie Composition Prize:—A. H. S. Skinn.

Ezra Abraham Scholarship:—B. Budden.

War Memorial Prize:—B. Budden.

History Prize (presented by Mr. H. B. L. Dowling):—V. Levkovitch.

Prize for Mathematics (presented by Mr. G. G. Wood):—I. V. Grunberg.

French Prize (presented by Mr. M. J. B. Montargis):—K. Clarke.

Elementary Science Prize (presented by Mr. T. R. R. Rowell):—M. A. Taylor.

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1930.

Division G:—A. Chester (Honours), J. Suiter (Honours).

Division 5:—C. Aris, F. Bird, R. Blyth, A. Chester (Honours), J. Gardner, V. Levkovitch (Honours), A. Miller, J. Thirlwell, N. Whitley, I. Woolley (Honours), H. Wyllie.

Division 4:—F. Bacon, S. M. Brown, J. Chubb, M. Clarke (Honours), G. Freeman, J. Gardner (Honours), D. Gregory, R. Griggs, V. Grunberg (Honours), E. Humphreys, M. Huxford, V. Levkovitch, N. Porezzoff, J. Thirlwell (Honours), M. Mitchell, R. Wood (Honours).

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Division 2:—M. Adam (Honours), J. Blake, V. Bond (Honours), J. Booker (Honours), N. Booker, N. Brinch, R. Brinch (Honours), E. Dobry (Honours), J. Freeman, L. Gregory (Honours), A. Holland (Honours), V. Hollidg, C. Lott, A. McKenzie, M. McCaw, J. Mitchell, D. Moss (Honours), A. Rabbit (Honours), W. Raven (Honours), E. Rousseau (Honours), M. Rousseau (Honours), J. Summers (Honours), D. Taylor (Honours).

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Octet—Memories of Tchaikowsky (arr. Scar), The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (1918).

Flute Solo—Andante for Flute & Orchestra (Mozart), Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra Flute Solo by Jean Nada (1905).

Octet—Scenes That are Brightest from Maritana (Wallace arr. Scar), Then You'll Remember me from the Bohemian Girl (Balfe), The J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (1917).

Violin Solo—Cavatina (Raff), Arthur Catterall (1943).

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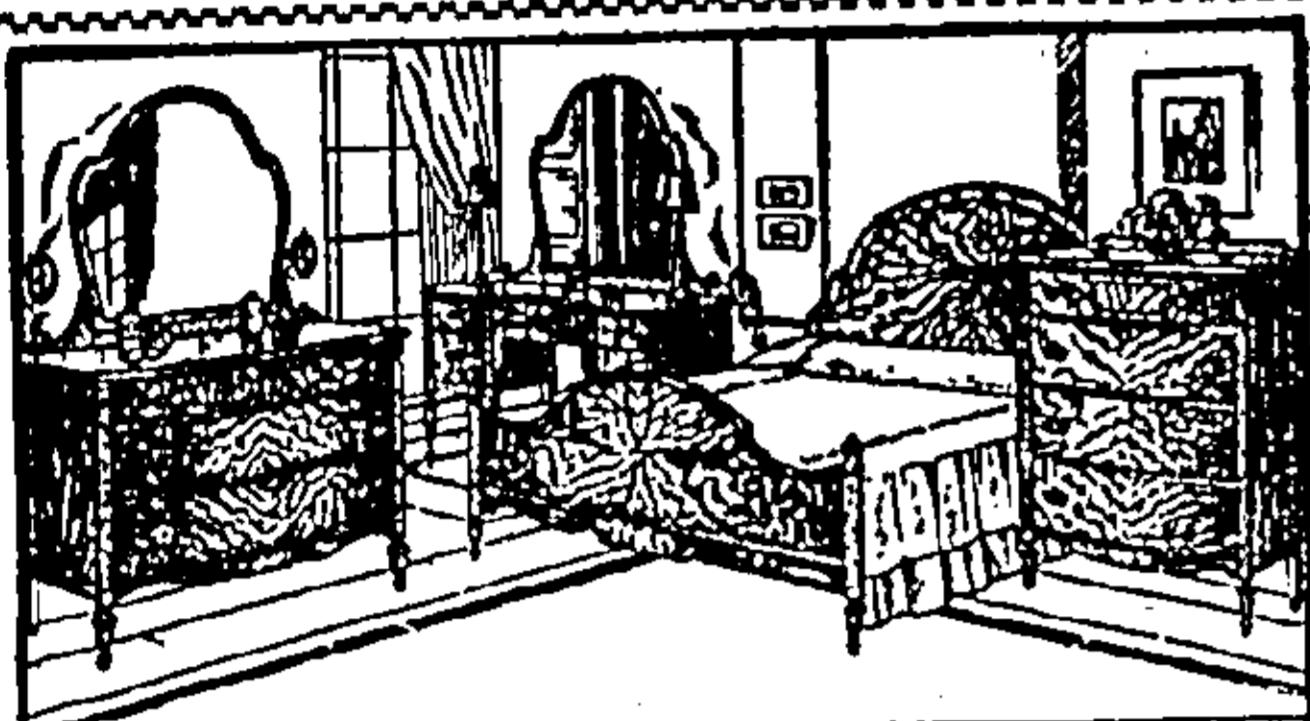
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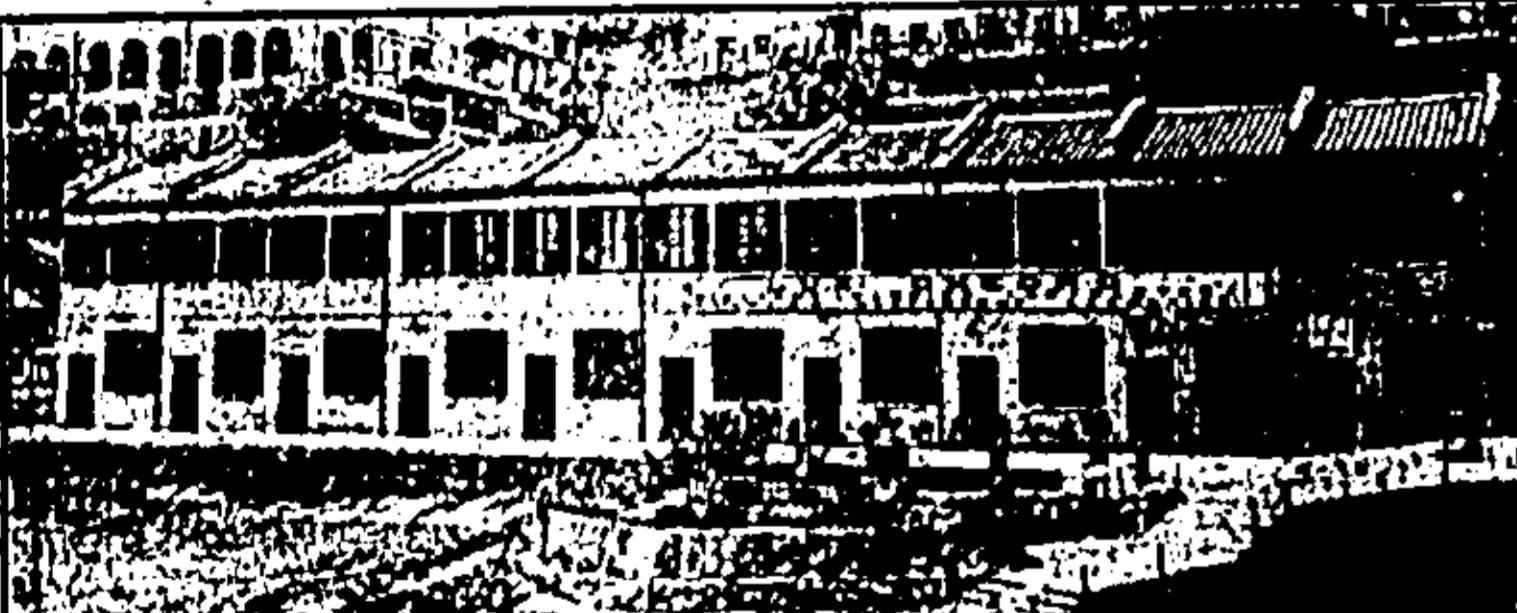
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## DEATH.

ANDERSON.—At Claremont Hotel on March 11, 1931, Agnes, dearly beloved wife of John Edgar Anderson, of the Anderson Music Co., Ltd. Funeral will pass the Monument this afternoon at 5.30 o'clock.

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Mar. 11, 1931.

## REDS' VICTIMS.

There is not the slightest necessity for any section of the Press or the public to make of the fatal shooting of a detective matter for either exaggeration or sensationalism. Hard facts have got to be faced calmly, collectively, and coolly.

For the second time within a very short period the Communists in our midst have marked down a detective engaged in the campaign against their machinations and sent him to his death—two more martyrs who laid down their lives at the post of stern duty which they unflinchingly undertook, knowing full well what their fate would be if their guise were unmasked by the diabolical Reds.

This latest tragedy brings home to all of us not only the continued presence of Communists in our midst, but their grim determination to remove from their path all who would seek to obstruct their progress. Furthermore, it discloses that the Police authorities, both in Hong Kong and Canton, are fully alert to the activities of the Communists and are laying no stone unturned to run them to earth and impress upon them that their room is preferred to their company here.

This is a part of the work of the Police that must of necessity be

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 60 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. was 94 and at 4 p.m. 95.

Mr. J. F. Macgregor, one of the Governing Directors of Caldecott, Macgregor & Co., Limited, left for Shanghai yesterday by the s.s. President Cleveland.

The A.S.P., Kowloon, Mr. W. La Bart Sparrow, left for Wei-hai-wei this morning on the s.s. Kuchow. It is understood that his journey is connected with Police duties.

A 12-years old Chinese boy was ordered in the Kowloon Court to receive seven strokes of the cane for stealing a spanner, (the property of Pang Yuk-tak) from a motor lorry in Pakhoi Street.

The forthcoming wedding is announced Mr. Liang Sal-wa, of the Education Department, 1, Lung Chim Terrace, Happy Valley, to Yuen Wo Mary Ho, daughter of Mr. Ho Kwong, 7 Macdonnell Road.

Subterfuge malitia is believed to have been the cause of the death of Mohammed Hussain, aged ten years, son of Lance-Sergeant Nathan Khan, which occurred in the Au Tau Police Station on Monday.

The new arrangements for traffic control at the Kowloon "circus" came into operation last night when Traffic Sub-Inspector Mason and Traffic-Sergeant Clark arranged matters as planned. The various route number posts were removed to new positions and there was no dislocation of traffic.

The last concert of the season will be given in the Helena May Institute on Thursday, March 19, at 5.30 p.m. "The Collegians" Glee Singers and a number of variety items will constitute the programme. Will members please book teas if these are wanted, Matron 22160. —Advt.

Pleading "not guilty" at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning to being in unlawful possession of two pairs of shorts and a jacket in Laichik Road, a Chinese, Wong Tim, explained that the usual "friend" had given them to him to pawn. Mr. Hamilton, however, refused to believe this and sent him to jail for 14 days.

A European youth, Paul Kelly, age 11, had a fortunate escape yesterday, when he ran into a taxi near the Observatory in Kowloon and was thrown from his cycle. When crossing Austin Road he collided with the bumper-bar of a taxi which was proceeding toward Nathan Road. He suffered abrasions only and was not sent to the Hospital.

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NOT CONTEMPLATED.

AMERICA'S POLICY.

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YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK.

The local branch of the Yoko-

hama Specie Bank are in receipt of

a cablegram from their Head

Office to the effect that, at the

102nd half-yearly ordinary general

meeting of the shareholders held

in the Head Office of this Bank in

Yokohama yesterday shows a net

profit of Yen 12,936,138.84 includ-

ing Yen 6,865,668.83 carried over

from last account. It was resolved

to make the following alloca-

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The election of Mr. E. Tsuyama

(manager of the Tokyo Office) to

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which will eventually link up all

the important cities in that vast

country. In the circumstances, it

will be readily realised that with

the opening up of telephonic com-

munication with Canton, this

Colony will be entering upon an

era, in the matter of service, to

the extent of 100 per cent.

At the meeting of the Hong Kong

Ride League held last night it was

agreed that when ten or more

teams enter for the League

Championship, badges half the size

of the winners' badges be presented

to members of the second team, con-

sisting of, as in the case of winners,

ten men, being eight men for the

team and two reserves.

As both the Hon. Secretary, Mr.

Northcote, and the Assistant Hon.

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ing home shortly, Mr. F. A. Wells kindly consented to

## WATER SUPPLIES OF HONG KONG

Main Difficulty That of Storage.

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## The Purification System Explained.

In the course of an instructive address on "Water Supplies of Hong Kong," given before the Rotary Club at the weekly tiffin yesterday, Dr. E. P. Minett, the Government Bacteriologist, gave interesting details of the method of treatment of the raw water, by filtration and chlorination, before it reached the household.

Dr. Minett emphasised the fact that Hong Kong was nothing more than a granite cone. This made the matter of storage a difficult one, as there were no natural reservoirs, such as lakes or rivers. For this reason he was of opinion (in answering a later question), that the question of consumption would veto any proposed water-borne sewage system.

## CHLORINE NOT HARMFUL.

The water in Hong Kong, he said, was practically up to the London standard. The popular belief that the purification of water by chlorine was harmful was quite erroneous. Typhoid fever, and other water-borne diseases, had been known to have followed when chlorination was discontinued.

In addressing the Rotarians, Dr. Minett said:—

The water supplies of Hong Kong as regards fresh water can be summed up in the one word "rain," as whether you get it from the tap or draw it up from a well the original source is the same.

The following factors influence the rainfall here:—The situation in Lat. 22°N. Long. 114°E., which should be a good one for rain; the temperature, which averages 72°F., ranging from 59°F. in February to 82°F. in July. Extremes of 32°F. and 97°F. have been recorded.

Then there is the humidity, which is affected by the temperature. The average is about 77 per cent. of saturation, ranging from 66 per cent. in November to 84 per cent. in April. A minimum of 4 per cent. has been recorded, and complete saturation, 100 per cent. is of fairly frequent occurrence.

As regards the source, the average rainfall is 85.7 inches per annum. The lowest recorded was 45.8 inches, and the highest 119.7 inches. This compares very favourably with Great Britain.



Passing Show, London.

where the average is from 30 to 40 inches. The rainy season is supposed to extend from May to September, necessitating about 7 months storage. Usually June, July, and August are the three wettest months with about 15 inches each. This rainfall is largely affected by the presence or absence of typhoons, one inch of rain falling on an acre of land representing 22,617 gallons.

## Collection.

The catchment area on the Island is 3,278 acres, and on the mainland for Kowloon reservoir, 4,270 acres. We have no natural reservoirs such as lakes or rivers, and as the Island is simply a granite cone, a reservoir has to be specially constructed at great expense.

On the Island there are six, there being Tytam, Wong Nai Chong, Aberdeen, Pokfulum, Shau Kwai, and Chai Wan, and there are two large reservoirs on the Kowloon side. The water received into these reservoirs is very soft, the average hardness being 2.5 parts per 100,000. This is excellent for drinking, laundry, and trade purposes, but slightly deficient in lime.

## Quality Variable.

The quality, as regards pollution, of the raw water varies with the season of the year. It is poor in the early part of the rainy season, when the falling rain washes all sorts of pollution down into the reservoirs, but it gradually improves after the rainy season is over, owing to self-purification, especially the Kowloon water. Houston gives the storage safety figure as two months, but we often get six.

Dr. Minett then explained in non-technical terms the action of bacteria. "Ordinary bacteria," he said, "will double itself, if there is any food in the water, in twenty minutes. This process of multiplication goes on as long as there is any food left. Then they turn cannibals, and begin to eat each other. And when there are none

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## Brackish Well Water.

A word about well waters. These are all of the "shallow" type and practically none of them are fit for drinking without purification. Their salt content varies with the season and their proximity to the harbour. One at the Cricket Club varies from 2.5 parts of sodium chloride to 30.69 parts per 100,000. Of the private wells at Shek O, those that I have examined give a very good quality of water.

## Water Shortage Measures.

Referring to measures taken during the water shortage in 1929, the speaker said that it had been necessary to bring in water to the Colony in ships. He had been out himself to select it, "and I might say that some of it was pretty awful stuff." Being badly polluted, it was found necessary to treat it on the ship before pumping it into the tanks on shore. The tanks were connected up so as to allow water to flow from one to the other, the water being treated again with one ounce of chlorinated lime to 1,000 gallons, or two parts per million of chlorine.

The Director of Medical and Sanitary Services fixed the chlorine in water taken from tanks at .5 parts per million before issue.

This was a very wise precaution, and most important, as the water had to be issued, of necessity, without previous filtration.

Dr. Minett concluded by thanking the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services and the Water Authority for permission to give the address.

## Chlorination Explained.

A Rotarian who remained anonymous having asked a question as to what the chlorine treatment was, Dr. Minett explained that chlorine was a gas. It was used to put into the water in a compressed form, as a liquid. The machine through which it passed re-converted it into a gas as it trickled through into the reservoir.

## Seawage System Question.

Answering a further question as to the feasibility of installing a water-borne sewage system on the Island, Dr. Minett said that the answer was in the negative. Five gallons per head per day had been computed to be enough, but actual practice showed that it took ten gallons.

This meant that the operating outlay would be too much. It would be necessary practically to double the supply, and to bring water over from the mainland. The trouble in Hong Kong was not lack of rain, but the difficulty in storing it.

Speaking merely as a bacteriologist, however, an operating system with sea-water had proved satisfactory in other places, and he saw no reason why the same system could not be introduced here.

Rotarian Arthur Woo returned brief thanks to the speaker for his excellent address.

## Visiting Rotarians.

The President, previous to the address, introduced four visitors in Mr. G. P. Parker, Professor Huizinger, Mr. R. D. Arnold, and Mr. New.

Mr. Parker, he said, was President of the Parker Pen Company, of Janesville, Wisconsin, U.S.A., and a Past President of the Rotary Club of that town. Professor Huizinger was Professor of History at the University of Leyden, and the President of the Royal Academy of Sciences of the Netherlands. Mr. Arnold had come from Yunanfu, and Mr. New was a Singapore Rotarian.

Mr. Parker, in a brief address, referred to the kind reception accorded him at the Rotary Club in London, which had caused him to revise his previous idea that the British were rather "cold" people to those they did not know. "You Rotarians will shape the course of Hong Kong," he said. "People will look to you in time to come as the leaders of your community. Keep up with Rotary work, and you will put Hong Kong where it belongs."

Applause.

## MURDERER HANGS.

## SEQUEL TO "BLAZING CAR" TRIAL.

London, Yesterday.

Alfred Arthur Rouse, convicted of the "blazing motor-car" murder, was executed in Bedford prison at eight o'clock this morning.

It was revealed that the Home Secretary, before finally endorsing the death sentence, took the extraordinary step of conferring with Mr. Justice Talbot, who tried the case, and the Lord Chief Justice, who presided at the appeal. Reuter.

## SHADOWS BEFORE

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

## Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-day—Police Interport Caravan Dance, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

Friday—S. P. C. A. Carnival, Peninsula Hotel.

March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

To-day—Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

"So This is London."

To-day—Central Theatre.

"Hit the Deck."

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

"Smiling Irish Eyes."

To-day—Star Theatre.

"Firemen Save My Child."

To-day—World Theatre.

"When a Brother Sacrifices" (Chinese picture).

To-day—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C. Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

Friday—Concert, Helena May Institute, Kowloon.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Club Members', 5.30 p.m.

To-morrow—Lecture by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith, Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

March 16—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Great Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Home Malls.

To-day—Inward from Europe via Siberia (Kaga Maru).

Friday—Inward from Europe via Suez (Karnala).

## LADY'S DEATH.

## MRS. J. E. ANDERSON PASSES AWAY IN KOWLOON.

The numerous friends of Messrs. W. J. and J. E. Anderson, of the Anderson Music Company, Limited, will regret to hear of the death of Mrs. J. E. Anderson, which occurred this morning in the Claremont Hotel, Kowloon.

Mrs. Anderson came out to the Colony in 1915, accompanied by Miss Jean Anderson. Their ship was unfortunately torpedoed by a German submarine, and they lost everything.

Mrs. Anderson had been in failing health for some time.

The funeral will pass the Monum-

ent to-day at 5.30 p.m.

## JOURNALIST DEAD.

## BEGAN WRITING BEFORE HE WAS 16.

London, Yesterday.

The death has occurred of Sir Alfred Robbins—Reuter.

[Sir Alfred Farthing Robbins, journalist, author, and prominent

Freemason, was born at Launceston, Cornwall, in August, 1856, and educated at the local grammar school. He began writing for newspapers before he was 16, and for many years combined journalism with authorship, writing some plays, mainly with a leaning to wards comedy, and also such serious works as "Five Years of Tory Rule," which appeared in 1897 just before a Disraeli Government was succeeded by a Gladstone Cabinet, "Wm. Edward Forster, the Man and his Policy," and sketches of the lives of Lord Salisbury and Sir Beville Grenville.

In 1888 he received the im-

portant appointment of London

correspondent of the Birmingham Post, and in the same year published "Practical Politics, or the Liberalism of To-day." It was, however, his work as a London

correspondent that brought him distinction. In the 35 years after his appointment he was in touch with politicians and statesmen of all parties and his "London letter" often attracted the attention of the political world.

He was knighted in 1917.

On the professional side of

journalism he was very active,

being chairman of the London

district of the Institute of Journalists in 1903, president of the Institute in 1908, and vice-president of the Newspaper Fund in 1925.

Our water here is practically up to the London standard. Should a sample be below standard, the Water Authority is at once informed and a further sample taken after investigation. All water reports are forwarded daily to the Water Authority and the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services.

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## Sport Columns

### SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Partick Thistle Gain  
Two Points.

### COWDENBEATH CRUSHED.

One First Division match in the Scottish League was played yesterday. Partick Thistle meeting Cowdenbeath on their own ground at Firhill Park, Glasgow, and winning with three goals to none.

Result as cabled by Reuter:

Partick Thistle 4 Cowdenbeath 1

### REVISED TABLE.

	P. W. D. L.	F.	A. Pts.
Motherwell	31	20	6
Rangers	30	20	5
Celtic	31	19	6
Partick	31	19	3
Hibs	31	17	4
Dundee	30	16	3
Hamilton	32	15	4
Airdrie	31	15	4
Aberdeen	33	15	6
Cowdenbeath	30	12	4
St. Mirren	31	11	7
Kilmarnock	29	11	3
Morton	30	10	5
Queen's Park	29	9	6
Falkirk	29	11	2
Leith	31	7	10
Hibernians	31	7	6
Ayr	29	10	16
East Fife	31	4	23

	Goals.	Points Possible
Motherwell	46	60
Rangers	45	61
Celtic	44	62
Partick	41	65
Hibs	38	61
Dundee	35	65
Airdrie	34	66
Aberdeen	32	67
Cowdenbeath	30	68
St. Mirren	29	69
Kilmarnock	25	70
Morton	25	71
Queen's Park	24	72
Falkirk	24	73
Leith	24	73
Hibernians	20	74
Ayr	16	74
East Fife	12	76

### Our Sports Diary.

#### LOCAL.

**RUGBY FOOTBALL**—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Cumberland, 5.15 p.m.

**LAWN TENNIS**—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

**HOCKEY**—To-day—Hockey Club v. S.W. Borderers, Marine Ground, 5.15 p.m.

Saturday—Cae Clark Cup—St. Andrew's Club v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

Club de Recreio v. Diocesan Girls' School.

**FOOTBALL**—To-morrow—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, H.K.F.C. Ground, 4.15 p.m.

Friday—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Athletic.

Royal Artillery v. Kowloon F.C.

Club v. Navy; Borderers v. Club de Recreio; South China A.A. v. Argylls.

Sunday—South China A.A. v. Shanghai Police, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

March 21—Shield Matches.

April 18—Sunday Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

**CRICKET**—Friday—Kowloon Club Championship.

**GOLF**—Friday—Final of Captain's Cup (Ladies), Fanling.

Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, Happy Valley.

**BILLIARDS**—Friday—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, 8.30 p.m.

**RACING**—Saturday—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22—Fanling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

**ATHLETICS**—Saturday and Monday—Hong Kong Y. Canton Mondays, Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

**CRICKET**—Saturday—Division I: Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Division II—University v. Club de Recreio (L.); Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C. (L.); Royal Engineers v. Hong Kong C.C. (L.); Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F.); Cragengower C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (F.).

**FENCING**—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

March 21—Tournament, Yacht Club, 8.30 p.m.

**RIFLE & PISTOL SHOOTING**—Monday—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, Tai Kok Range.

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## A.D.C. PRODUCTION. ROUND THE CINEMAS

GOOD COMEDY AND BAD  
CHARACTERS.

## "ART AND MRS. BOTTLE."

Mrs. Bottle continued her all-conquering career in the Theatre Royal last night, in the A.D.C. production of "Art and Mrs. Bottle."

If one's credulity can stand the strain, it will be found to be a star in a few silent productions highly amusing light comedy. There are plenty of clever lines, and some good epigrams. But one will have a sneaking sympathy for Mr. Bottle, who, when the curtain falls, has every prospect of being talked to death.

Fay Grossman gives her usual sound performance as Mrs. Bottle. The part requires a good deal of study, one imagines, but Miss Grossman triumphs over all difficulties. She is at her best in the "big" scene in the second act, where Mrs. Bottle, from her rather extensive experience, has a few sweeping things to say about Love and Art. Incidentally, every one except the parlour maid (who is not given a chance) has a few words on these two subjects during the evening. Apparently Bottles and their friend never discuss anything else.

Michael Marriot gives quite a notable performance, and quite captures the audience. He makes the most of his cleverly-devised scene with Frances Lack in the third act, although many in the audience, having started to laugh early, seemed to think this was the funniest thing of the evening. It is probably the most human incident in the play.

There can be nothing but admiration for Frances Lack as Sonia Tippett, a particularly sane artist's model. Here again the slightest mis-step would ruin the character. Miss Lack makes no such error, playing with conspicuous restraint all through.

Joyce Miskin has a thankless part as Judy Bottle. The average person might be forgiven for considering Judy either slightly demented, or supremely unobservant. There may, or may not be, girls of twenty-one who behave as Judy does. But surely they are a little too clear-sighted nowadays. Miss Miskin has tackled the part with resolution, and scores an unqualified success.

Alec Flinter, as Mr. Bottle, foil to his amazing "Mrs." contrives to be bullyragged in a manner which pleased the audience mightily, whilst Rupert Foster, as Max Lightly, the artist who causes all the trouble, conveys the impression of the man who is "not immoral, but unmoral" (where have we heard this before) in adequate manner.

"Art and Mrs. Bottle" will draw crowded houses every night. So it should. The play deserves it. It is clever—very clever. But whether it is Art is open to question.

TENNER.

## Y.W.C.A. WORK.

FIRST MEETING IN NEW  
PREMISES.

## A SATISFACTORY YEAR

At the eleventh annual meeting, (and also the eleventh birthday) of the Young Women's Christian Association, held yesterday in the new headquarters in Bonham Road, the President, Mrs. Ma Wing-chan, expressed thanks to the subscribers and campaign workers for their generosity which had made the new home possible.

Mrs. Wong Kwoh-shuen, Hon. Treasurer, read the financial statement. The price of the new property had been raised, but \$6,600 was needed to cover extension, alteration, equipment and furniture. This sum, plus \$9,400 for the year's expenses in 1931, will be sought in the coming financial campaign.

## Annual Report.

Points from the annual report were that 93 children were enrolled in the two Child Welfare Centres. The Girls' Department had grown to 350 members in eleven clubs. The Graduates' Club and Young Married Women's Club also reported satisfactory progress. Educational classes showed an enrolment of 125, and educational schools for factory girls and servants had attracted about 90 students. Guests in the Hostel during the year averaged 85.

The following members were elected to the Board of Directors for the following year:—Miss K. Woo, Mrs. Lam Tsan-wai, Mrs. Lam Tin-sang, Mrs. Kwoh Kwai, Miss Chau Sui-ying and Mrs. Wong Tse-tsu.

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## IN "SO THIS IS LONDON."

Will Rogers will have no other screen wife than the adorable Irene Rich.

Some years ago, Will, the genial wit and philosopher, essayed to stand in a few silent productions and Irene Rich was his screen wife then. When Rogers signed up with Fox Movietone he proposed that Miss Rich be cast again as his leading lady.

The result is screen history, "They Had To See Paris" was nothing short of a sensation and added vitally to Rogers's already wide popularity.

When it was decided that his second venture on the audible screen was to be "So This Is London," which is the Queen's Theatre's current attraction, none other than Irene Rich would suit Will as Mrs. Hiram Draper. Being a far-seeing woman, Miss Rich, who was playing vaudeville engagements, had a clause in her contract which would allow her to do what she most wanted to do—be Will's wife on the screen once more.

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## "HIT THE DECK."

To-day is the day! "Hit The Deck," Radio Pictures' lavish, all-talking technicolour musical comedy opens in the Central Theatre. A cast of four

teen prominent players headed by Polly Walker, Broadway beauty, and Jack Oakie, sensational comedian, interpret the roles.

No expense or talent was spared to make the screen version the most pretentious offering of the season.

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dancers lend a variety to the screen

version that the stage could only

suggest.

Luther Reed, who directed "Rio Rita" and Robert Kurle, responsible for the photography of that sensational hit, again have given their talents in making "Hit The Deck" equally great.

Nine songs, with a musical back-

ground by three orchestras, will be

heard. Scenes made at a Naval

Base lend reality to the exteriors.

The cast includes Polly Walker,

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Marguerita Padula, June Clyde,

Ethel Clayton, Wallace MacDonald,

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and Charles Sullivan.

## "HIGH SOCIETY BLUES."

Others prominent in the cast in-

clude Joyce Compton, Hilda Hop-

per, Louis Fazenda, and Lucien

Littlefield.

Song numbers were provided by

Joseph McCarthy and James F.

Hanley. David Butler directed.

## TRAFFIC IN GIRLS.

LEAGUE COMMISSION NOW  
IN SHANGHAI.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The League of Nations Commission enquiring into the traffic in women and girls in the Far East has arrived here, to study the conditions in Shanghai.

The Commission has already

visited Siam, Indo-China, Hong

Kong and the Philippines.—Reuter.

## FLIGHT TO TOKYO.

FRENCH AIRMEN LEAVE FOR  
INDIA.

Karachi, Yesterday.

The French airmen Burtin and

Moenche, who are flying from Paris

to Tokyo, departed from here at

7 a.m. for Allahabad.—Reuter.

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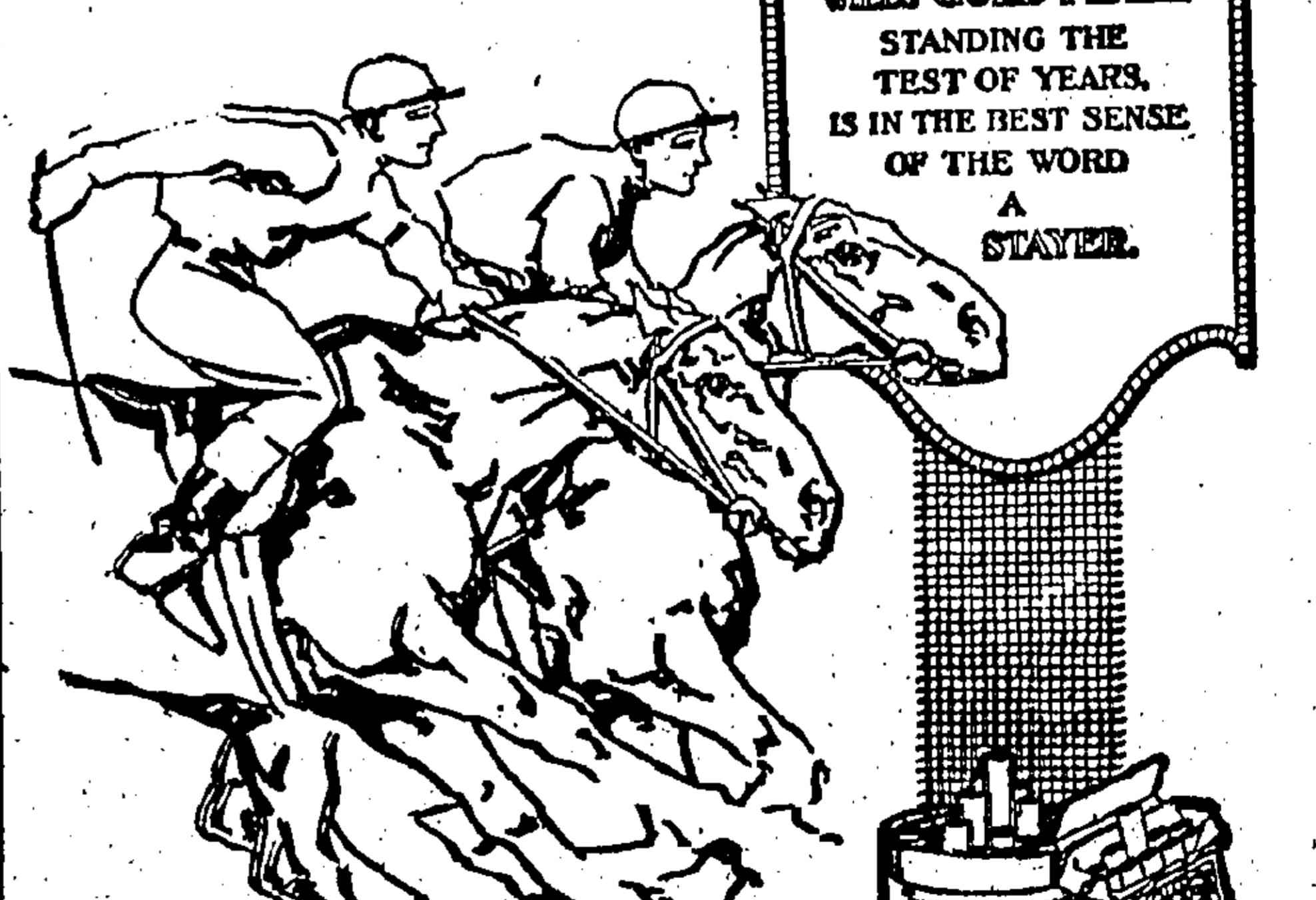
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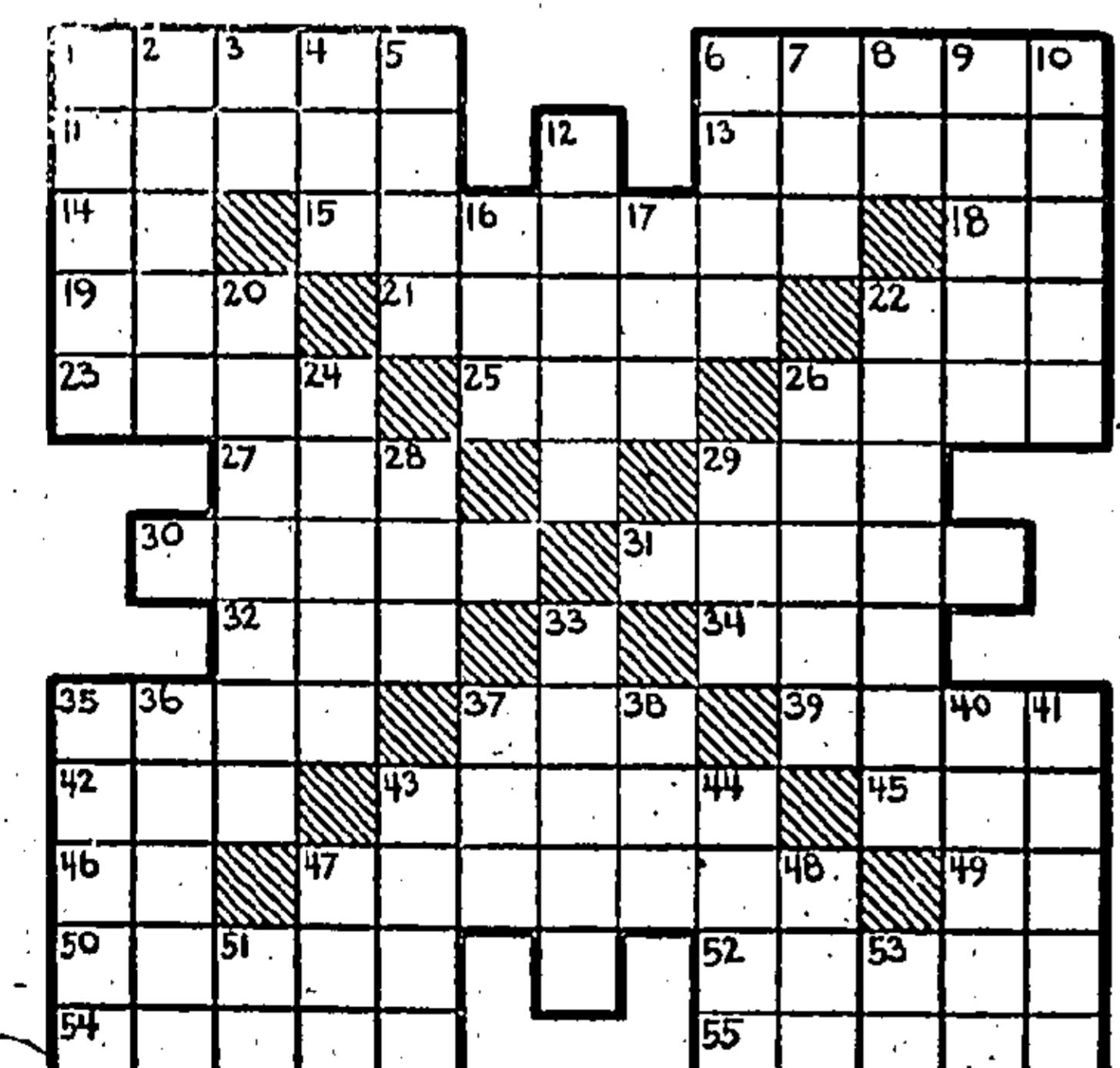
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



**HORIZONTAL**

- 1-To mix
- 4-Ago
- 11-To happen repeatedly
- 12-Clear
- 14-Part of verb "to be"
- 15-Existing in name only
- 16-Postscript account (abbr.)
- 17-Small movable bed
- 21-Heathen
- 22-Filled with moisture
- 23-Lady of King Arthur's court
- 25-Special
- 26-Food and drink
- 27-Lair
- 28-Enclosure for animals
- 29-More refined
- 31-Diaphanous
- 32-A short sleep
- 33-High flying card
- 34-A domestic pet
- 35-Mistakes
- 42-Beast of burden

**HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**

- 43-Firm
- 45-Perched
- 46-Musical note
- 47-Place where salt is made
- 48-B. Atlantic State (abbr.)
- 50-Part of a carpenter's joint
- 51-Apparaling as if graveworn
- 52-In phonics, same as declared
- 53-Consisting of twigs
- 54-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 55-Blind
- 56-1-To render firm
- 57-A fruit
- 58-Prifix—from
- 59-A religious woman
- 60-6-ant tall
- 61-End over
- 62-7-Sick
- 63-A continent (abbr.)
- 64-Drink made from apples
- 65-Growing out

**VERTICAL**

- 12-Harshness
- 13-National (abbr.)
- 14-News
- 15-Not
- 16-To practice with the sword
- 17-Neptune (abbr.)
- 18-A vegetable
- 19-Stops
- 20-To saw loosely
- 21-Of willow
- 22-Consisting of two mountains
- 23-Blind
- 24-Raved
- 25-Heavenly body (pl.)
- 26-Musical instrument
- 27-Harmonic distress signal
- 28-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 29-Negative reply
- 30-Metric measure of capacity (abbr.)
- 31-Our B.A.T.
- 32-ANTIC
- 33-SMALL
- 34-Is PA
- 35-DATE
- 36-ERA
- 37-MAN
- 38-NEEDS
- 39-SUBTEND
- 40-ERATO
- 41-SETAE

**VERTICAL (Cont.)**

- 42-16-Angry
- 43-17-National (abbr.)
- 44-18-Really sound
- 45-19-Meritless distress signal
- 46-20-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 47-21-Our B.A.T.
- 48-22-ANTIC
- 49-23-SMALL
- 50-24-Is PA
- 51-25-DATE
- 52-26-ERA
- 53-27-MAN
- 54-28-NEEDS
- 55-29-SUBTEND
- 56-30-ERATO

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

## MUSIC • DRAMA • FILMS.

## FILM CHATTER.

## AMUSING STUDIES IN SCREEN SOPHISTICATION.

[By G. A. Atkinson, London Daily Telegraph Film Critic.]

London, Jan. 6.

One of my readers is anxious that I should discuss "the best film songs of 1930," and names her own favourite as "My Dream Lover," sung by Jeannette MacDonald in "The Love Parade." It is a charming song, and the sentiment is devastating, but I think most people would agree that the best number in "The Love Parade" is the "Song of the Grenadiers," also from Miss MacDonald, who made a great singing reputation last year.

There is another reader who thinks that the outstanding film songs of 1930 were "Tip-toe through the Tulips" and "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine," which adorned "Gold Diggers of Broadway." These were catchy tunes, though none of the catchier tunes of 1930 has attained the popularity of "Happy Days are Here Again."

The most attractive that I have heard is "Without a Song," out of "The Great Day," but as that film has not yet reached the public the song cannot be considered here.

American music publishers are able to exploit their songs in this country long before the relative films arrive.

## German Theme-Songs.

The critical test of a film song is its relation to the theme, of which it should be absolutely part and parcel.

An excellent example of that principle was "The Pagan Love Song," which fitted that rather mediocre film "The Pagan" so well that it carried the production to success. There was no theme-song in 1930 that reached the standard of "The Pagan Love Song."

The nearest approaches to it were "Falling in Love Again," from "Blue Angel;" "The Love Waltz," from the film of the same name; and the thematic waltz air from "The Immortal Vagabond," which latter I regard as the best of the year. These are all German tunes.

If I had to choose the most attractive song in 1930 films, irrespective of thematic value, I think I should pick "It Happened in Monterey," sung by John Boles in "The King of Jazz."

Mabel Wayne, who wrote and composed "It Happened in Monterey," is also the composer of "Ramona" and "Ragamuffin Romeo."

She told an interviewer that she was the "inventor of the syncopated waltz," and she sold "Monterey" to the "King of Jazz" producer by ringing him up from New York on the transcontinental telephone and playing the song to him over the wire.

## See Paris First.

Sophistication, according to European standards, indicates a knowledge of things in general, but according to Hollywood standards it seems to indicate a general knowledge of Europe.

The fact that its notions of Europe are mainly wrong does not upset Hollywood's theory of sophistication.

The argument is excellently illustrated in a would-be-smart talkie called "Sin Takes a Holiday," on view at the Capitol.

This presents the beautiful Constance Bennett, Basil Rathbone, Kenneth McKenna, and others, in a drama based on the fact that a divorce lawyer is himself ensnared by a divorce-seeking woman.

In order to prevent her capturing him, he marries his secretary, on condition that the secretary, who

really loves him, goes abroad on a handsome allowance.

She goes to Paris. Not only does she go to Paris, but everyone takes it for granted that to Paris she will go.

On the way to Paris she is annexed by one of her husband's friends, who owns a magnificent chateau, in which he installs her.

After a round of the pleasure resorts and beauty parlours, which add the word "chic" to the heroine's appeal, the philanderer takes her back to New York with the intention of divorcing and marrying her, but the husband now finds that he loves his former secretary, and all ends as it should do.

"Sin Takes a Holiday" fails because the heroine is supposed to be a plain girl, of commonplace appeal, but one has only to glance at Miss Bennett and listen to her attractive voice to reject the supposition as foolish.

Much of the drama is in bad taste, and some of the dialogue is at least vulgar.

Sophistication is betrayed when an actress of obvious culture is made to speak such lines as: "There is nothing the matter with me that calls for anything that's strong," but the "below stairs" use of "that" is always turning up in Hollywood talkies.

## Not So Spanish.

"In Gay Madrid," one of the general releases, presents Ramon Novarro in what looks like an attempt to plant the conventional American college story in Castilian soil. The director's ignorance of what can be conveniently called "old Spanish customs" does not disturb the cheerful spirit in which he uses them.

The critic's difficulty is that there is a beauty, charm, and dignity about Spanish traditions that assorts ill with this drama of a college boy who all but wrecks the aristocratic marriage reserved for him by getting into a scrape with a cabaret girl.

What Spanish atmosphere there may be in the production finally disappears in a boisterous burlesque of the conventional serenade.

One of the students is even made to say: "I'll be right with you, fellers!" which would sound all right on the campus, but is something less than appropriate in Castilian setting.

Nevertheless, there is a pleasing disingenuousness about "In Gay Madrid." Mr. Novarro, being of Spanish stock, looks his part and acts it with an air of distinction, though he is not absolved from a suspicion of "guying" it.

He is supported by pretty Dorothy Jordan, with whom he appeared in "Devil-May-Care," and there are moments in which their love-scenes touch sincerity. Recommended.

## A Gallant Spectacle.

"The Vagabond King," which heads this week's list of general releases, sets out to be a personal triumph for Dennis King, in the role which he made famous on the stage.

The actual honours, however, are annexed by O. P. Hegle, who presents the sinister motives of Louis XI, with such disarming whimsicality that he ends by winning the spectators' sympathy, though the outstanding hit, to my mind, is made by Lillian Roth, in the role of a Parisian street girl whose charms all but excuse her lack of virtue.

A scene in which she dies, having intercepted the knife intended for her lover, Villon, is one of the few really convincing episodes of human emotion that the talkies have yet achieved, and this one scene atones for much that is blatantly artificial in the production as a whole.

Mr. King has a magnificent way with him, and he sings with immense gusto, but his gestures are over-theatrical and his emotions soulless.

"The Vagabond King" is a great effort, full of fine spectacle, costume, bravado, music and song, but there is a touch of naivete in its composition. It never really comes to life, except in the stirring mob scenes towards the conclusion. Admirers of Jeannette MacDonald will enjoy her duet singing with Mr. King, though her histrionic performance is negligible.

Recommended.

## More "Sophistication."

Norma Shearer, who is generally regarded as one of Hollywood's most "sophisticated" actresses, is featured in "Let Us Be Gay," adapted from the "Tallulah" Bankhead play, and presented this week at the Empire.

The drama is concerned with a rather dowdy wife, who, finding that her husband is "carrying on" elsewhere, divorced him, and subsequently blossoms forth as a much-travelled and highly-polished flirt. In this capacity she is engaged by a

of a couple of middle-class New York women during the stock market boom, and their subsequent humiliation when prices collapse.

The story is merely an excuse for the personal duel between Miss Dressler and Miss Moran, two of the most consummately skilful players that the screen has ever known.

"Caught Short" is a masterpiece of shrewd characterization and democratic wit, not less human than humorous. Strongly recommended.

"Bed and Breakfast," on view at the Astoria, is the new Walter Forde production which had such an unfortunate experience during the fog that made the opening of the Trocadero an unrehearsed drama.

This new British comedy exploits a rather broad vein of humour based on the familiar theme of matrimonial exchange.

The treatment occasionally lacks decorum, but the production does not pretend to be other than farcical.

Mr. Forde has an unfailing fund of "gags," and he is well served by his cast, which includes Jane Baxter, pretty and clever newcomer, Sari Maritza, Ruth Maltz, an dthe experienced quartet, Richard Cooper, Frederick Volpe, Alf Goddard, and David Haworth.

## WARSHIP WIRED.

## FOR "SHIPMATES"—A TALKING FILM.

Wiring the U. S. S. Colorado for sound, Harry Pollard has started production on "Shipmates," Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's Navy romance featuring Robert Montgomery and Dorothy Jordan. Montgomery plays a "gob" and the story, an original by Lou Edelman and Delmar Davies, abounds with traditions of the service.

Cliff Edwards is the big comedy star, and Ernest Torrence the veteran Chief Petty Officer; Hobart Bosworth is the admiral; Gavin Gordon a dashing lieutenant; Edward Nugent is "What-He" and Joan Marsh is a companion to Miss Jordan. Others in the cast are E. A. Warren and George Irving.

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### GRAVITY OF CHANGE OF FRONT.

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### GREAT CRISIS IN EMPIRE'S HISTORY.

London, Yesterday.

The gravity of the Conservative change of front to India is illustrated by comments in the evening papers.

The Evening Standard (the Beaverbrook organ), says that while Mr. Duff-Cooper, Mr. Stanley Baldwin's champion at St. George's by-election, was declaring in a speech last night that the recent cartoon in an evening paper ridiculing Lord Irwin should be treated as a treasonable offence, Mr. Baldwin was doing worse. He was deserting Lord Irwin, whom he had hitherto vehemently supported.

The article adds that the effect of this amazing reversal by Mr. Baldwin was that he had damaged himself, the Conservative Party and the country.

The Evening News (the Rothermere organ), says that the Duke of Plazatoro was Bayard and Rustum combined compared with Mr. Baldwin, who has so suddenly withdrawn the support from which his friend, Lord Irwin, had derived such comfort.

The Liberal Star says that a week ago Hindu fanatics were obstructing the possibility of peace. Now Tory fanaticism was barring the way to peace and progress. It is unthinkable that the Party which prided itself on its responsibility in Imperial affairs should have thrown in its hand at one of the great crises in the Empire's history.

Atmosphere Unsuitable.  
An authoritative Conservative

statement interpreting last night's announcement on Mr. Baldwin's Round Table decision, says that Conservatives do not object in principle to a further Round Table Conference in India, if such will prove desirable in due course; but they do object to such a conference at the present time on the grounds of procedure. They consider the present atmosphere in India unsuitable for such a conference and contend that the Government did not initiate the preliminary enquiries they had promised before a further Round Table Conference. It is declared that Mr. Baldwin's decision is by no means a new declaration of policy, but merely Mr. Baldwin's considered view as regards the right procedure.

Gandhi's Vow.

A year ago Gandhi vowed that he would not return to his seminary here till a constitution acceptable to the All-India Congress had been achieved by the Round Table Conference. Asked what he would do if the forthcoming meeting of Congress in Karachi rejected the Irwin-Gandhi agreement, Gandhi replied that in that case he would not be called to the Round Table Conference.

Riot in Bombay.

Bombay, Yesterday.

Following the recent fighting in Mulijethar Market (Bombay's biggest foreign cloth market), in which several Congress Volunteers were badly knocked about while endeavouring to interfere with a seller of foreign cloth, the Native Piece Goods Merchants' Association decided to close the market until the arrival of Gandhi on March 16, when it is hoped that methods of "peaceful picketing" provided for in the Irwin-Gandhi settlement can be agreed to and arrangements may be reached for the disposal of foreign piece goods.—Reuter.

Mahatma's Triumph.

Ahmedabad, Yesterday. Within a couple of days of the anniversary of his departure at the head of a column of volunteers to initiate the civil disobedience movement, Gandhi returned here from Delhi amid the frantic enthusiasm of his devotees, who raided his train at practically every stopping place en route, and

dangerously clambered on the running boards, butlers, and even the roofs of the conches, showering the Mahatma with gifts of money and garlands of flowers.

The Nawab of Palanpur boarded the train at Palanpur, and accompanied Gandhi for some distance. They rode on the bare wooden seats of a third class carriage, the Nawab strangely contrasting with the simple robed Mahatma.—Reuter.

### OIL PROSPECTING.

### COMPANIES SECURE RIGHTS IN DUTCH INDIES.

### CONCESSIONS APPROVED.

The Hague, Yesterday.

The Upper Chamber to-day voted 4,500,000 florins to aid the potato starch industry, and the Second Chamber approved of two Bills authorising the Government to conclude agreements with the Colonial Petroleum and Batavia Petroleum Companies, regarding concessions of prospecting and exploitation rights in oil in certain areas in the Dutch East Indies.—Reuter.

Bombay, Yesterday.

PERU PEACEFUL.

PERIOD OF RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT.

PROVISIONAL PRESIDENCY.

New York, Yesterday. Peru, after weeks of vicissitudes, seems to be settling down to a period of responsible government. Colonel David Ocampo, head of the Southern Junta, has accepted the provisional Presidency offered him by Colonel Jimenez, head of the Northern Junta, who has been President for the past three days.—Reuter's American Service.

### U.S. POLITICIAN DEAD.

Baltimore, Yesterday. The death is announced of Mr. Joseph Cotton, Under-Secretary of State.—Reuter's American Service.

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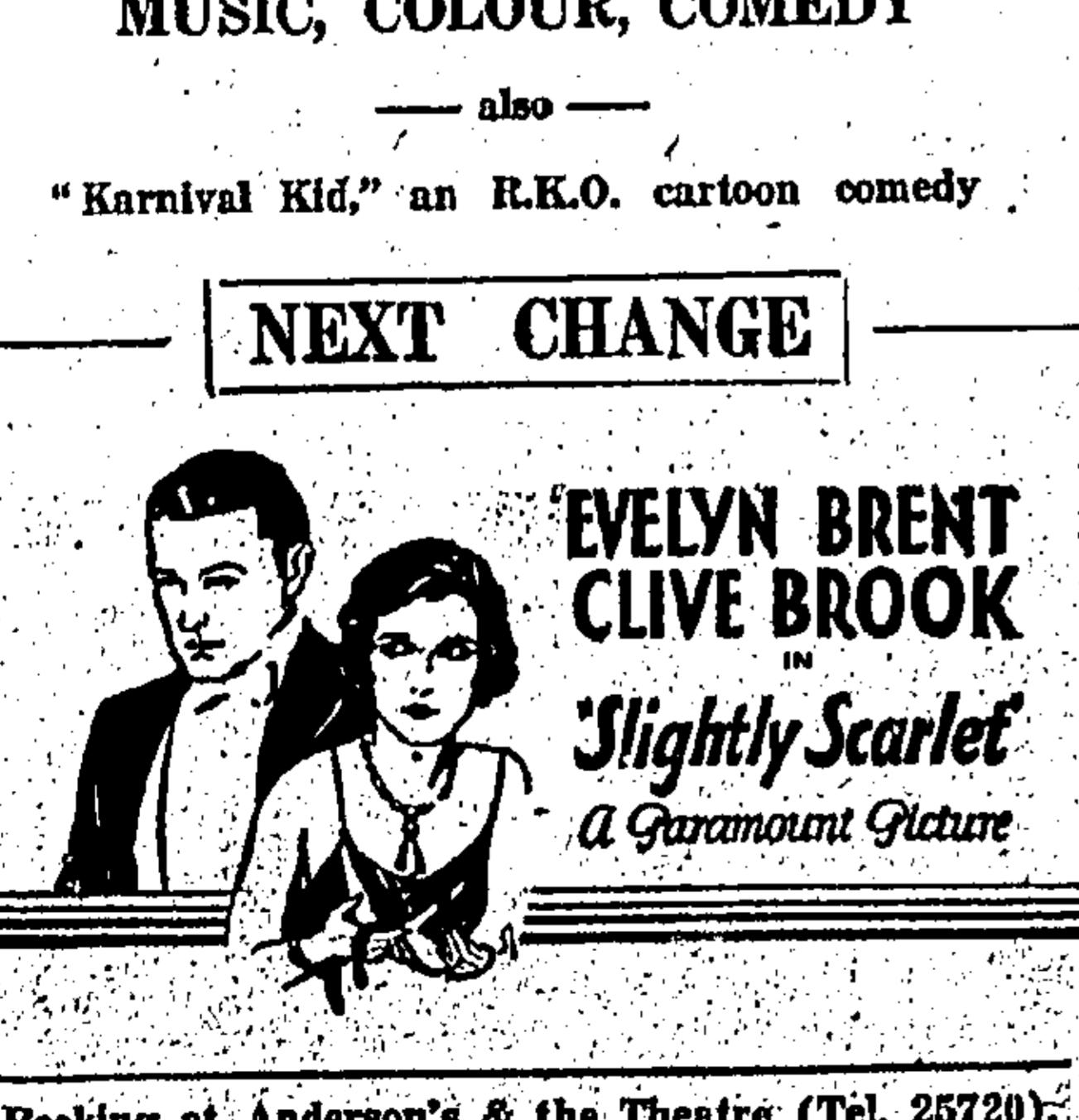
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